SENATE BILL 1041

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 5, relative to cremation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-101(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(3) "Cremation" means any mechanical, chemical, thermal, or any other professionally accepted process, including alkaline hydrolysis, whereby a dead human body or body parts are reduced to ashes or are pulverized, burned, recremated, or reduced in size or quantity;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

() "Alkaline hydrolysis" means the technical process that reduces a dead human body or body parts to bone fragments using heat, water, and chemical agents; SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.